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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the outstanding Office Action issued Sept. 22, 2004.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant was required to make an election between claims 1-20 drawn to a method and claims 21-54 drawn to an apparatus. Applicant would like to draw to the Examiner's attention there are only 17 claims in the application filed on Nov. 18, 2003.